

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being canceled.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-17, 20-26, 29, 30, 33-35, 37 and 38 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Claims:

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 17, 20-26, 29, 30, 33-35 and 38 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 5, 6, 9-13 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,042,614 to Davidson et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,754,785 to Lysik et al.; and claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davidson et al. in view of Lysik et al. and further in view of SPARKworks “Sun Product Documentation.” These rejections are traversed for at least the reasons given below.

With respect to presently pending independent claim 1, that claim has been amended to include both of the “Allowable Subject Matter” features noted on page 10 of the Office Action, whereby it is now believed that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, its dependent claims 5, 6, 9-13 and 37 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date May 13, 2004

By Phillip J. Articola

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: (202) 672-5407
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

David A. Blumenthal
Registration No. 26,257

Phillip J. Articola
Registration No. 38,819